

## **CHANGE NOTICE FOR MANUAL NO. 10-13, CHANGES RELATED TO 2014 COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT (COLA)**

**DATE: JANUARY 16, 2014**

**Manual:** Family and Children's Medicaid  
**Change No:** 10-13  
**To:** County Directors of Social Services  
**Effective:** January 1, 2014

### **I. BACKGROUND**

- A. The 2014 Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) is 1.5 percent for Social Security benefits and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments. Social Security benefits increased by 1.5 percent effective December 2013. These benefits are payable in January 2014. Federal SSI payment levels also increased by 1.5 percent beginning with the January 2014 payment.
- B. The Veteran Affairs (VA) cost-of-living adjustment is the same percentage as the Social Security benefits. Veterans will receive their increase in the January 2014 payment.

### **II. CONTENT OF CHANGE**

MA-3315, Medicaid Deductible, is updated with the new Medicare premiums, deductibles and coinsurance amounts.

### **III. EFFECTIVE DATE AND IMPLEMENTATION**

This change is effective 01/01/2014.

### **IV. MAINTENANCE OF MANUAL**

**Remove:** MA-3315, Medicaid Deductible, pages 7-12 &17-20.  
**Insert:** [MA-3315](#), Medicaid Deductible, pages 7-12 &17-20.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact a Medicaid Program Representative.

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